1. DATE - 1 GROUP	2. LOCATION		
15 Jan 53 15/2130Z	Westhampton Boach, New York		
3. SOURCE Civ Woman 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS TWO	Astro (STAR PLANET) Positional data not included. Description and motion in accord with observation of star or planet.		
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 Hrs. 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual 7. COURSE West	First object red on top turning white as skies darkened was observed traveling slowly in a wavering motion. Second object semi-circle shaped traveled rapidly in a wavering motion. Source stated that objects resembled stars when last observed Motion of wind to East.		
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13 February 1953

SUBJECT:

Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Westhampton Beach New York, 15 January 1953

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO:

Commanding General Air Technical Intelligence Center Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Ohio

ATTN: ATTAA-2C

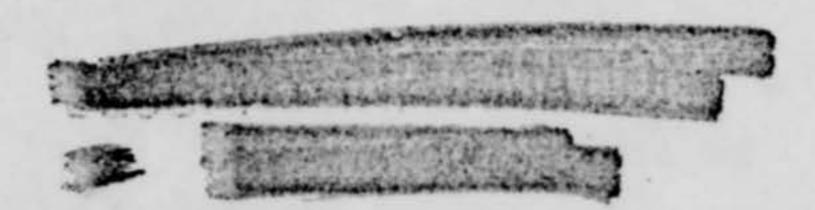
- 1. Attached for your information is one copy of report of investigation by Special Agent CHARLES L. STECHER, 2nd OSI District, dated 6 February 1953, file 24-319, subject as above.
- 2. No further investigative action is contemplated, and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed in this matter.
- 3. Attention is invited to par 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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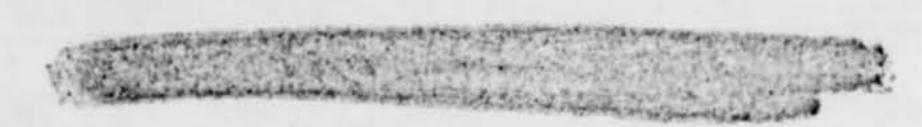
SYNOPSIS this is an initial report

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Investigation requested by Commanding General, 26th Air Division, Roslyn, Hew York, of unidentified flying objects sighted over Westbampton Beach, New York. Civil Defense Mrs. 4 ground observer who sighted objects, interviewed; stated one (1) object approached from easterly direction, the other from westerly direction, altitude and speed unknown. Both objects lost to view traveling in a westerly direction. Interviawee person of high standing in community. Weather Officer, Suffolk County Air Force Base, stated no weather ballcons released 15 January 1953. Frevailing winds that date from southwest.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation requested by the Commanding General, 26th Air Division, Roslyn, New York, by letter dated 15 January 1953, Tile 26ADIPM, requesting an investigation be combinated concerning the reporting by Mrs. MAXWELL, 3155 Westhampton Beach, New York, of seeing an unidentified object at CL 2040 at 2130Z. The object looked like a star, was red on top and moved very slowly west. 163/3000

AT RESTHAMETON BEACH. HEN YORK

- North Beach Road, Westhampton Beach, New York, was interviewed by the writer at her home on 29 January 1953. Mrs. atated that she is a member of the Civil Defense Ground Observer Corps and was on duty from 1600 hours to 1800 hours, 15 January 1953, in the tower of the Westhampton Beach High School at the time of her observation. She advised that at approximately 1630 hours she observed an object which she at first th ught to be an airplane move very slowly into her view, traveling in a mesterly direction, southwest of town. Mrs. MAXWELL could not describe its shape or size, or estimate its height or speed, except to say that it moved very slowly and appeared to waver. The unknown object was very high and at first seemed to have a redish glow at . the top, and later as it began to get dark it glowed white and looked like a star. Mrs. Turther stated that a proximately twenty (20) minutes after sighting this first object she sighted a second one, exactly like the first, traveling ouite rapidly and approaching the town from a westerly direction. It appeared to half circle the first object and than travel at the same speed and in the same direction as the first object. Mrs. watched both objects until it grew dark, approximately one and one-half (1) hours after sighting the first object, at which time they looked like stars and were lost to her view. Interviewee stated that she reported each object immediately after her sightings, by telephone, to the New Haven, Connecticut, Civil Defense Filter Center. She stated that she reported them as unidentified objects, but she is now quite certain that they were balloons, particularly because of their "mavering". Mrs. Mrs. stated that she heard no sound from the objects and that all of her observetion was with the naked eye.
- 3. Miss Willage Clerk, Westhampton Beach, New York, was interviewed by the writer at the Village Hall on 29 January 1953. Miss stated that Mrs. honest, dependable, trustworthy, and loyal to the United States Government.

AT SUFFOLK COUNTY AIR TORCE BASE, DESTHAMPTON BEACH, NEW YORK

4. Captain DONALD M. COHEN, AO 831 495, USAF, 12-9 Meather Detachment Base Weather Officer, was interviewed by the writer on 29 January 1953. After reviewing his records, Captain COHEN stated that at 1630 hours, 15 Jamuary 1953. a twenty (20) knot southwest wind was blowing at three thousand (3000) feet, and further that no meather balloons were released from Suffolk County Air Force Base on 15 January 1953. COMEN stated that

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there are many United States Air Force, Mayy, and Coast Guard weather stations near enough for weather balloons to drift over Wasthampton Beach, Maw York, if wind conditions are favorable.

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